

# The NRC Process & Nuclear Energy: Calvert County, Maryland

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# Nuclear Energy & Calvert County, Maryland

- Calvert County is home to Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant, Lusby, Maryland
  - In March 2000, Calvert Cliffs was the first nuclear power plant in the United States to achieve re-licensing
  - Calvert Cliffs has 30+ years of operating history with an outstanding safety record, remains an outstanding corporate citizen and maintains a significant environmental commitment
  - Calvert Cliffs is a major economic engine, contributing \$16.2M (FY07), has been a stable revenue source since FY1973, and currently has over 800+ jobs on site



# NRC Regulatory Process: Calvert County, Maryland

#### Historical

- Calvert County's relationship with the NRC began after Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant came on line; licensing occurred prior to NRC creation
- However, NRC oversaw the relicensing of Calvert Cliffs
  - NRC process was outstanding
  - NRC ensured significant public participation
  - NRC addressed all regulatory questions and constituent concerns

#### Current

- Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant currently under consideration for 3<sup>rd</sup> reactor. NRC involvement has been proactive and positive:
  - NRC approached the County, requesting to publically present the NRC's role and process for new reactor construction
  - NRC conducted public outreach session in the County; 300+ individuals attended
  - Because of the historical and current approach, Calvert County remains confident in the NRC process

### NRC Process New Reactors

- Calvert County understands, and is comfortable with, the fact that the NRC is:
  - An independent and technically oriented government agency that only evaluates the safety of the proposed plant and its potential impact on the environment and the surrounding community
  - Not an advocate for nuclear power or for the proposed expansion
  - This provides an unbiased, independent review process

### NRC Process New Reactors

- NRC's Role in Calvert County:
  - Calvert County is appreciative of the NRC's efforts and trusts the regulatory process and oversight
  - Calvert County encourages the NRC to continue to:
    - Provide outstanding public information
    - Be accessible
    - Be responsible to constituent concerns
    - Be open and responsive to citizen input

# Calvert County & Potential Calvert Cliffs Expansion

- Calvert County supports the potential expansion
  - Calvert County already granted a 50% tax credit for new construction
  - Calvert County stands ready to share in our nation's responsibility to provide resources that produce energy to minimize the impact to our global environment and reduce foreign energy supply reliance
  - Calvert County looks to the NRC to continue to address constituent questions and concerns throughout the process

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